

Jennifer Grimes Becomes Berks County Dairy Princess

LEESPORT (Berks Co.) — Dairy Farmers welcomed Jennifer Grimes as their 1993 Dairy Princess at the annual pageant Saturday, May 15. Jennifer, daughter of Kenneth and Barbara Grimes of Strausstown, was crowned by outgoing Princess Sandy Gross. Serving as alternates for the coming year will be Karen Davis, daughter of Arlan and Deborah Davis, Bernville, and Lynne Kolski, daughter of John and Dorothy Kolski, Mohrsville.

Four-year-old Justine Stoltzfus was chosen as the Li'l Miss. She is the daughter of Glenn and Gail Stoltzfus, Pennwood Dairy Farm, Morgantown.

As part of the Dairy Princess

competition, Jennifer presented her milk promotion skit for the audience. She spoke as a representative of The La Moo Modeling School in search of models who need the healthy benefits of milk and dairy products. She answered the impromptu question: What is the most important problem facing Pennsylvania's Dairy Farmers and what can you as Dairy Princess do to solve it? Jennifer said the worst problem is milk's competition with non-dairy drinks and sodas. She believes that the personal approach to consumers is a great asset and consumers will remember a live person rather than printed advertisements.

Outgoing Princess Sandy Gross

gave a slide presentation highlighting her reign. The Berks County Dairy Princess Promotion Committee recognized the nine Dairy Ambassadors who assisted at events throughout the past year.

Gardening With Children

LEBANON (Lebanon Co.) — Lebanon Valley Ag Center offers a free class on gardening with children. This class will introduce the idea of gardening with children as a beneficial educational, physical, and social experience. If you have or work with children from ages 3 to 10, this class will give you ideas on how to open children's eyes to the world of nature.

The class will be held twice on Wednesday, June 23 10 a.m. to noon Or 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.



Berks County Dairy Princess Jennifer Grimes, center, alternates Karen Davis, left, and Lynne Kolski, are ready to promote the dairy industry in Berks County. Li'l Miss Justine Stoltzfus will help.

Women In Farming

The farmer's traditional image is of a man planting the crop, operating a tractor or herding the livestock.

But more than 130,000 of the 2.1 million U.S. farms have a woman in charge. The last U.S. agriculture census found that women farm operators had increased by more than 10,000 in five years — at a time when the overall number of farms was declining.

And women play a major role in

managing many of the other family-business-style farms that dominate agriculture in the United States.

Most U.S. farm businesses, large and small, are family-owned and operated, whether they are sole proprietor, partnership or incorporated. On many of these family farms, women co-manage the family business. Farm women are often in charge of entire portions of the family farm business

such as all livestock operations, or all cash crop marketing, or all financial records analysis.

Women spend thousands of hours as tractor and farm machine operators and thousands of dollars as purchasing decision-makers on today's farms. Women's roles on farms have changed so much that farm machinery manufacturers do detailed research to find out what women want in farm machine performance and operator controls.



Li'l Miss Justine Stoltzfus is the daughter of Glenn and Gail Stoltzfus of Morgantown.

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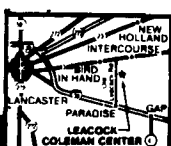
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